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Woman Pleads Guilty to Insurance Fraud

BOISE ID (December 3, 2008) – A Canyon County woman accused of five counts insurance fraud and two counts grand theft pled guilty December 1 in Third District Court to one count insurance fraud and one count grand theft.

Jennifer Fisher, 36, submitted a false burglary claim against her renter's insurance policy to State Farm Insurance Company in November, 2006. Insurance fraud is a felony punishable by up to fifteen years in jail and a \$15,000.00 fine.

In June, 2007, Idaho Department of Insurance Investigator Kevin Blue received information that Fisher had possession of the items she had claimed were stolen. Investigator Blue conducted an investigation and learned that State Farm paid Fisher \$7,952.01 in claims.

Department Director Bill Deal said, "Insurance fraud is on the increase. Our investigative unit is dedicated to helping law enforcement agencies prosecute those who commit it."

The case was prosecuted by Deputy Attorney General Rondee Blessing. Sentencing is scheduled for January 2009 before Judge Juneal Kerrick.

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